

First Annual

WDMO Federal Court - Information Exchange

Charles Evans Whittaker Courthouse
400 East Ninth Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

2nd Floor Conference/Training Rooms

Friday, June 29, 2001

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

or

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Session I

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
8:30 am	Registration for Session I begins	
9:00 am	The Supreme Court, Year in Review	Erwin Chemerinsky
10:00 am	Federal Practice & Procedure	James M. Wagstaffe
11:00 am	"A Conversation with the Judges"	WDMO U.S. District Court Court en banc

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

BBQ Lunch provided for ALL Session I and Session II Participants

Session II

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
12:30 pm	Registration for Session II begins	
1:00 pm	The Supreme Court, Year in Review	Erwin Chemerinsky
2:00 pm	Federal Practice & Procedure	James M. Wagstaffe
3:00 pm	"A Conversation with the Judges"	WDMO U.S. District Court Court en banc

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Biographical Statements

Erwin Chemerinsky

Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science, University of Southern California Law School. Director, Center for Communications Law and Policy. Received a B.S. from Northwestern University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Practiced law as a trial attorney, United States Department of Justice, and as an attorney at Bobrovir, Oakes & Gebhardt in Washington, D.C. Law professor at DePaul College of Law, 1980-83. Joined the U.S.C. faculty in 1983.

Author of four books: *Interpreting the Constitution* (Praeger 1987); *Federal Jurisdiction* (Aspen Law & Business 3d ed. 1999) (a one volume treatise on federal courts); *Constitutional Law: Principles and Policies* (Aspen Law & Business 1997) (a one volume treatise on constitutional law); and *Constitutional Law* (forthcoming Spring 2001, Aspen Law & Business) (a casebook). Also, author of over 100 law review articles that have appeared in journals such as the *Harvard Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Northwestern Law Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review* and *Yale Law Journal*. Writes a regular column on the Supreme Court for California Lawyer, Los Angeles Daily Journal, and Trial Magazine, and is a frequent contributor to newspapers and other magazines. Regularly serves as a commentator on legal issues for national and local media.

Named by the Daily Journal in October 2000 as one of the 10 most influential lawyers in California (and in 1998, 1999, and 2000 to their list of the 100 most influential lawyers in the state). Awards include the 2000 Alumni Achievement Award from Northwestern University; the 1999 Eason Monroe Courageous Advocate Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California; and the 1998 Judge John Brown Award for Contributions to Federal Judicial Education. Also received awards for work on the Los Angeles City Charter from the American Society of Public Administration, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the Los Angeles Urban League.

Testified many times before committees of the United States Congress, the California Legislature, and the Los Angeles City Council. Has briefed and argued many cases in United States Courts of Appeals and served as co-counsel in several cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Elected by the voters in April 1997 to serve a two year term as a member of the Elected Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission. Served as Chair of the Commission which proposed a new Charter for the City which was adopted by the voters in June 1999. Also served as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Diversity in 1999-2000. In September 2000, released a report on the Los Angeles Police Department and the Rampart Scandal, which was prepared at the request of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

James M. Wagstaffe

James M. Wagstaffe, a partner and co-founder of Kerr & Wagstaffe LLP, handles diverse litigation emphasizing professional and governmental representation, business litigation, First Amendment matters, and media cases. He represents individual and corporate clients in federal and state actions, and specializes in the firm's intellectual property and First Amendment practice areas. In December 1999, California Lawyer named Mr. Wagstaffe as one of its Top Twenty Lawyers of the Year.

Mr. Wagstaffe is a nationally known speaker on federal civil procedure. He teaches several times per year at the Federal Judicial Center's "New Judges Workshops," lecturing on all aspects of federal procedure. Mr. Wagstaffe's publications include The Rutter Group's *Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial* (2 volumes); *Removal & Remand*; *Commencing Actions in Federal Courts*; "Much Ado About Doe Defendants," in *California Lawyer*; and "Life After Remand, in Federal Litigation. He is also the co-author of *Summary of California Ethics Rules*.

Most recently, Mr. Wagstaffe represented the State Bar before the California Supreme Court in *Warden v. State Bar of California*, 21 Cal. 4th 628 (1999). In this case, Mr. Wagstaffe successfully defended the State Bar against a constitutional challenge to the Bar's requirements for continuing legal education for lawyers in California.

Mr. Wagstaffe also successfully defended The New Yorker Magazine in the libel trial *Masson v. New Yorker* held in the U.S. District Court for the northern District of California. He has successfully defended numerous broadcasters, newspapers, and magazines at trial, on summary judgment, and under California's Anti-SLAPP statute. In 1991, he received the prestigious James Madison Freedom of Information Award from The Society of Professional Journalists.

In addition, Mr. Wagstaffe is a lecturer and moderator for programs on federal civil procedure presented by The Rutter Group as well as an adjunct professor in constitutional law and civil procedure at Hastings College of the Law and in media law at San Francisco State University.

Mr. Wagstaffe received his B.A. degree with distinction from Stanford University in 1977. He received his J.D. degree in 1980 from the University of California's Hastings College of the Law, where he was honored for his achievements in moot court competition.